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MEMORANDUM

To: Birthing Center Facility Licensees and Other Interested Parties

From: Gwen C. Thompson

Subject: Birthing Centers Regulation Revision

The Department is seeking individuals who would like to participate in a regulation revision workshop for Birthing Centers. The meeting will be composed of Birthing Center licensees and stakeholders from throughout the state, as well as Department representatives. The Department initiated the statutory process to revise Regulation 61-102, Standards for Licensing Birthing Centers for Deliveries by Midwives, by publication of a Notice of Drafting (NOD) in the *State Register* October 24, 2014. Subsequently, a Notice of Proposed Regulation (NPR) was published in the *State Register* August 28, 2015. The goal of this meeting is to have an open dialogue about the issues pertaining to Birthing Centers and the revision of R.61-102. The NPR can be accessed by Document Number 4579 at: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regnsrch.php>. The NPR includes the Department's latest amendments to R.61-102 and will be the subject of this meeting.

The meeting will be held Friday, September 18, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. at the Columbia Mills Building located at 301 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201. Upon arrival, proceed to the rear of the building and enter through the glass doors under the blue awning.

If you have any further questions, please contact Thomas Bowen at (803) 898-3953.